



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*with UCC Westerly
during Lent*

March 21, 2021 @ 9:45am

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PASTOR'S WELCOME

Prelude — *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

[MUSIC: William Barnett. ©2001 Lorenz Publishing Company.]

DEACON'S WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP —

[Chief Dan George, *Earth Prayers from Around the World*, © 1991, p. 42]

The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to me.

The summit of the mountain, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the sea speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower, speak to me. The strength of fire, the taste of salmon, the trail of the sun, and the life that never goes away, they speak to me. And my heart soars.

OPENING SONG “O Worship the King”

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1. *O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*
2. *O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.*
3. *Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

[Adapted from prayers of laborers in China, *The Iona Prayer Book*, Peter Millar, Ed. © 2000. All rights reserved. p. 126]

Humbly, simply, early in the day we come to praise God's kindness and his great mercy. We beg God to pity our distress, and grant forgiveness for all our wrongs. Our labor is hard, Lord, so as we worship, fill our souls with your peace. May we know your grace which never ceases. Often, Lord our hearts are full of pain and

suffering. Holy One, never depart from us. Keep us poor folks in your kind heart; give us grace and gladness. May our lives be filled with joy, despite our troubles; may your mercy be our stay; as we toil for You, Jesus our friend. Amen.

THE MORNING MESSAGE –

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:4-10

Message – The Gift of Faithfulness

Rev. Ruth

Meditation Music – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

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A TIME OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer in whatever words are most comfortable for you.

Musical response

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Anthem – “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tone Chimes Choir

[MUSIC: Southern Harmony, 1835. © Public Domain]

Acknowledgement of Gifts & Offerings*

Doxology: [©Public Domain]

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.”

CLOSING SONG “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever wilt be.
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand has provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2. *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Refrain*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER OF BENEDICTION— Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. ... Bear with one another ... Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... and whatever you do in word or in deed, do everything in Jesus’ name, giving thanks to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE – “God, the Almighty”

[MUSIC: Gary Davidson © 2000 Lorenz Publishing Company.]

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**1 Corinthians 1:4-10**

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

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